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SETTLEMENT SYSTEMPRELIMINARY AMENDMENTCommissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Rewrite claims 7, 11 and 14-17 as follows:

7. (Amended) The service utilization ID number settlement system according to claim 1 wherein, when judging whether said service can be provided, if the ID number has not been validated, or the amount of money equivalent to the service amount to be provided is smaller than the current balance, said settlement authentication device prohibits the provision of the service.

11. (Amended) The service utilization ID number settlement system according to claim 1 wherein, when judging whether said service can be provided, if the current balance less the amount of money equivalent to the service amount to be provided is smaller than a reference amount of money, said